

Preliminary Amendment for the present application. The original drawings filed in this application have a similar appearance to the enclosed drawings which are the correct drawings for the application. Thus, at pages 5-7 of the specification, FIGS. 1-14 are described, and throughout the specification the attached drawings are referenced and disclosed. The enclosed drawings are a true and correct copy of the drawings from which this application is a division, namely U.S. Serial No. 08/823,434, now U.S. Patent No. 5,766,238. It is respectfully requested that the enclosed drawings be considered in examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

N.E. In claim 33, line 1, delete "33" and insert --25--.

N.E. In claim 34, line 1, delete "34" and insert --26--; and delete "1" and insert --25--.

N.G. In claim 35, line 1, delete "35" and insert --27--; and delete "1" and insert --25--.

N.E. In claim 36, line 1, delete "36" and insert --28--; and delete "1" and insert --25--.

N.E. Please add the following new claims:

§ 29. A longitudinally flexible stent for implanting in a body lumen, comprising;  
a first cylindrically shaped element, a second cylindrically shaped element,  
a third cylindrically shaped element, up to an Nth cylindrically shaped element, the cylindrically  
shaped elements being generally independently expandable in the radial direction and generally  
aligned on a common longitudinal axis;

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